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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE

1. PROSPECTS REMAIN UNCLEAR ON U.S. RESOLUTION, AS BOTH
POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE SIGNALS CONTINUE. OUR IMPRESSION IS
THAT MOST DELEGATIONS HAVE FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS, IF
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ULTIMATELY PRESSED TO TAKE A RESOLUTION ALONG US LINES,
BUT WILL WORK HARD FOR ONE OR ANOTHER KIND OF MODIFICA-
TION/ADDITION. WHETHER THESE WILL RESULT IN A LEAST COM-
MON DENOMINATOR CONSENSUS RESOLUTION REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
OUR STRATEGY WILL BE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROPONENTS OF
CHANGES CAN BE USED TO NEUTRALIZE EACH OTHER. SOME OF THE
G-77 WILL SEEK A LINKAGE TO TNC CODE, USING VARIOUS ALTER-

NATIVE FORMULATIONS OF THE LINK. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT, IT ANYTHING, WILL HAPPEN ON THE AFRICA ISSUE. IT NOW SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WILL TRY TO STAVE OFF ANY DEFINITIVE DECISION TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. DETAILS OF THE EC-9 POSITION ARE BEING CABLED SEPARATELY.

2. WE WILL MAKE AN EARLY INTERVENTION ON THE TNC AGENDA ITEM WEDNESDAY WHEN THE SUBJECT IS RESUMED IN COMMITTEE ONE. (IT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA TODAY). AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR REMARKS WE WILL NOTE THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE INFORMALLY TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION, AND REQUEST THE CHAIR TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP OF COMMITTEE ONE TO COMPLETE THE WORK. THE CHAIR HAS TOLD US HE INTENDS IMMEDIATELY TO DO THIS, ESTABLISHING THE GROUP UNDER VICE CHAIRMAN ABUAH. MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE OPEN-ENDED, AND THE GROUP WOULD MEET DURING THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. AT THE MOMENT, 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY IS THE LAST DATE TO SUBMIT FORMAL RESOLUTIONS, BUT THIS MAY BE MOVED BACK. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AVOID PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, WE ARE PREPARED TO TABLE A US DRAFT RESOLUTION AT ANY TIME. VANDEN HEUVEL

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